

Application No.: 10/764,618  
Amendment dated: July 13, 2005  
Reply to Office action of 04/13/2005

Please substitute the enclosed amended version of paragraph 0042 for paragraph 0042 in the specification:

**[0042]** The size of the porous bodies 20 is preferably such that a rectangle, having the minimum area required to surround the pores of a porous body, has a larger side less than ~~10 cm~~  
10 μm in length. This length is shorter than an average pulp fiber in a wet paper web. By maintaining the sizes of the porous bodies within this dimensional limit, the possibility of clogging is reduced, and the beneficial effects of the porous bodies 20 can be realized over a long term of operation.